

**The
Royal National
Institute for the
Blind**



**Report of the
Executive Council
for the Year ended
31st March, 1959**



Mr. Isaac Wolfson laying the foundation stone of the new wing which will bear his name at Worcester College for Blind Boys

Courtesy Betrow's Newspapers of Worcester

Cover Picture

Bedtime at a Sunshine Home Nursery School

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The Royal National Institute for the Blind

SEVENTY-FIFTH REPORT

In this review of the activities of the R.N.I.B. during the last financial year, we take pleasure in rendering to you, the public, an account of our stewardship of the support you have accorded us.

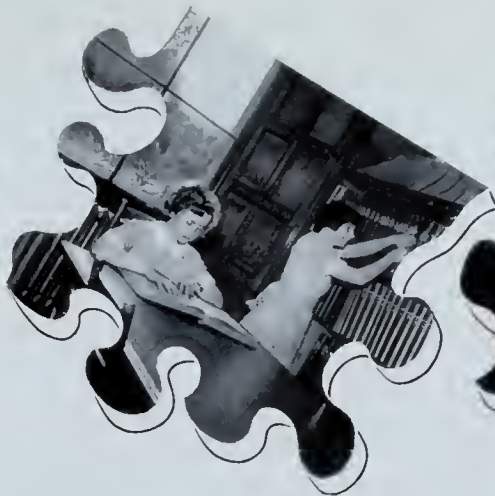
The period has seen a steady expansion of all our many and varied services and an unceasing research into the means by which they may be reinforced. Yet again these services have involved us in an expenditure substantially in excess of £1,000,000—witness, surely, to the unique contribution which this Institute is privileged to make to the lives of those without sight.

It is, perhaps, inevitable that blindness should bring in its wake a degree of isolation. The policy of the R.N.I.B. therefore remains, as it has always been, the diminution of this isolation so that those who cannot see may yet mix freely and fully in a sighted community; may make to the economic and cultural life of that community their own especial contribution. We may, perhaps, be permitted a certain satisfaction that, through our rehabilitation centres, 400 newly blind adults have this year embarked on new lives with hope and confidence restored; that nearly 250 trained blind men and women have been found employment in industry and commerce; that our Braille presses have produced over half a million volumes of literature and music to instruct and to enrich the leisure hours.

These, though, are but statistics. It is men and women, not figures, who make our pattern of welfare the vital, living thing it is today. We take pride in the role which your support enables us to play in alleviating the handicap which blindness imposes.

GODFREY ROBINSON
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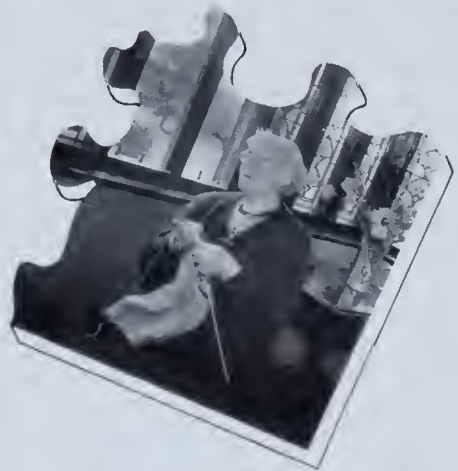
The pieces fit . . .



. . . to build a picture of the comprehensive pattern of blind welfare developed by The Royal National Institute for the Blind.

From the provision of Sunshine Home Nursery Schools for blind children to the maintenance of Homes in which the elderly blind and deaf-blind may find peace in their declining years; from the production of Braille literature to the rehabilitation and training of the newly blind; from youth to old age and in every conceivable field, the R.N.I.B. works for all Britain's blind.

Today, the R.N.I.B. is proud to be the largest organisation of its kind anywhere in the world.



The helping hand

It is sometimes asked why we in this country have such a highly developed system of blind welfare as compared to those in most other countries. The answer, almost certainly, is to be found in the British gift for co-ordination. A seemingly illogical miscellany of Government Departments, Local Authorities and voluntary organisations for the blind is found in practice to work very well indeed. Each, recognising that it has its own especial part to play, does so in complete harmony with the others.

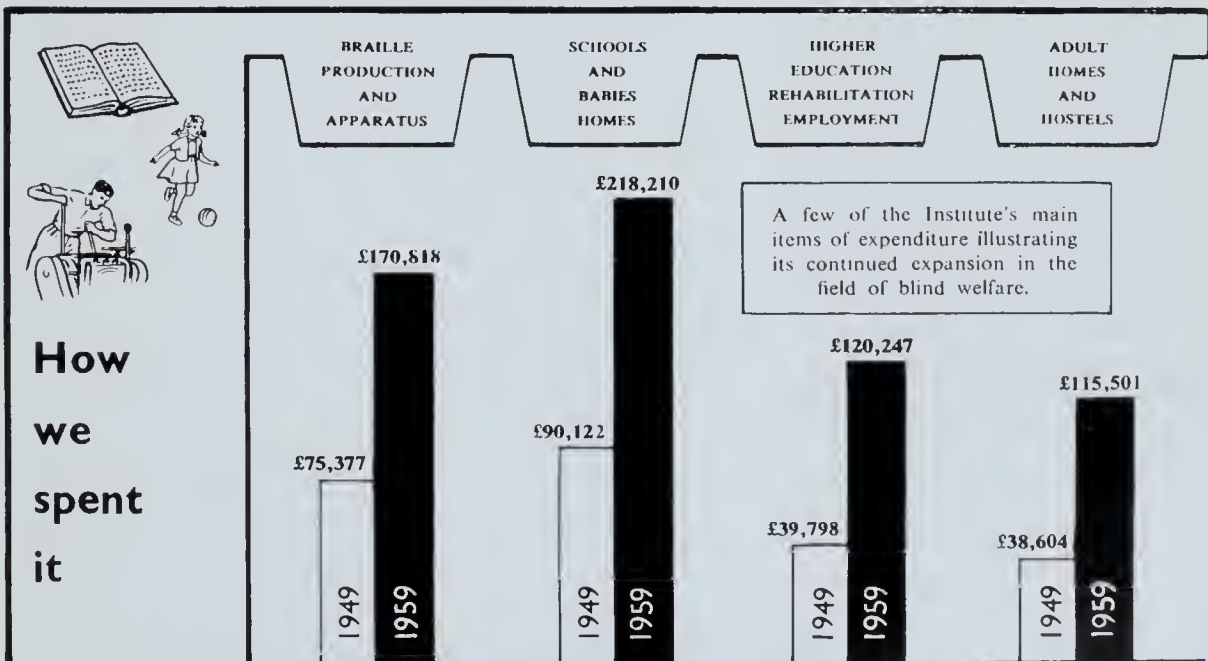
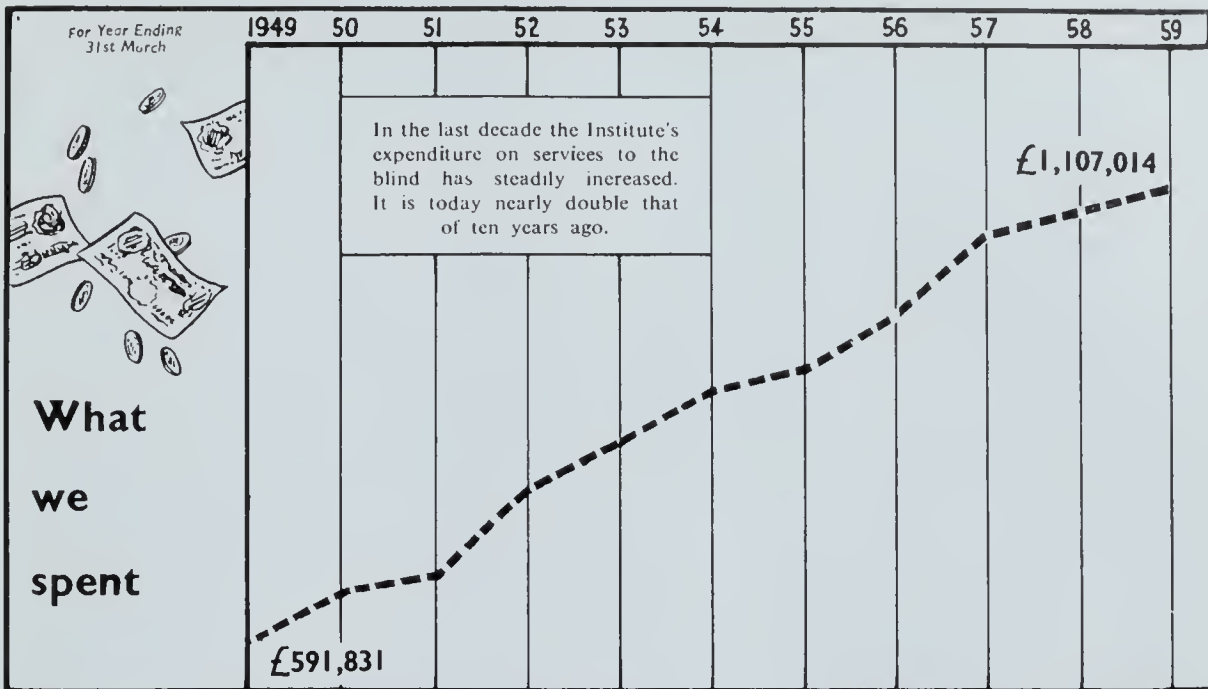
In this general scheme The Royal National Institute for the Blind holds a uniquely important position. By providing on a nation-wide basis a great number of services which are available to every registered blind man, woman and child in Britain, it supplements those personal, intimate services which are so ably rendered by local organisations for the blind. Thus it helps to perfect a balanced system of endeavour affecting every phase of life from childhood to old-age.

Characterised, ever since its inception ninety years ago, by a questing, pioneering spirit, the R.N.I.B. has through the years steadily increased both the number and the scope of its services to the blind. Founded initially with the primary object of discovering a universally acceptable system of embossed writing, it has today grown to be the largest Braille printing house in the British Commonwealth. In addition, its schools and colleges, its training centres and employment service, its deep concern with every aspect of blindness and its prevention, all these and much more besides go far to ensure that in our country the blind shall suffer a minimum of handicap from their lack of sight.

Such expansion, and consequent increased expenditure, must assuredly continue. For the hard truth remains that twelve thousand new names are added annually to the register of blind persons in this country and the blind population increases steadily.

While blindness remains among us, The Royal National Institute for the Blind will continue to be what it has always been—The Helping Hand to all Britain's Blind.

How the money goes



on services to the blind

HUMANITY THAT LIVES

The sunshine years

Because a child begins to learn from the moment he is born, drawing his first ineradicable impressions from those about him, the importance of the early years in the formation of his character can scarcely be exaggerated. To one born blind this period is even more crucial, for the whole pattern of his future training and education may well be determined by the opportunity then to develop in secure and happy surroundings.

Nothing can take the place of the love and emotional security which a family can provide, but a blind child needs more than this. He needs unlimited time in which to explore his world, patient and undivided attention and a special knowledge of his own particular needs. It is to provide these requirements that the Institute maintains its nine Sunshine Home Nursery Schools for children from whatever age at which they are ready to enter until the age of seven. At these, frequent visits by the parents, regular letters from the children and normal holidays at home all ensure that contact with the family is never lost.

To reinforce the atmosphere of a happy home life within the school, each is divided into "Families," having its own staff and special rooms and being presided over by an honorary "Mother." These small groups help to create that personal atmosphere which gives added point to all the day's activities. Family rivalry, friendly but taken seriously too, encourages each child to give of his best in everything he does. Tidying of rooms and the neat making of beds, for example, become matters of personal pride and games and lessons, too, acquire the added spice of competition.

In all these schools instruction is carefully blended with recreation in such a way that neither shall become a bore. The children are encouraged to help in the daily house routine and long-suffering cooks and gardeners have learned to answer a never-ending stream of questions. Happiness is the keynote and an uninhibited joy of living the result.

For some a heavier burden

No less happy—though, to the sensitive observer, stamped with a quiet courage—are the children at Condoover Hall, near Shrewsbury. For it is in these pleasant grounds and spacious rooms that the Institute cares for seventy-eight boys and girls, the majority between the ages of 9 and 16, to whom blindness is but one of multiple physical or mental handicaps.

Because of the grievous burdens which the children bear, success at Condoover is not to be gauged by triumphs in the examination hall. Its measure lies rather in the school's ability to help these seriously retarded and heavily handicapped young people to develop into adults capable of accepting limited responsibility for the fulfilment of their daily needs.

Here, perhaps to a greater degree than in any other of our establishments, personal endeavour brings its own reward. Whether it be by the granting of permission to travel afield to the village unaccompanied, or the extension by half an hour of the time by which a child must be abed, the will to succeed is fostered and acknowledged. Typical of this spirit of determination is the flourishing Boy Scout Troop, a member of which, in recent years, was awarded the Cornwell Medal. Despite the limitations imposed upon its members, the Troop achieves a commendable standard of efficiency and this year celebrated its tenth enthusiastic birthday.

So, too, is the desire to help others in misfortune engendered in the children. This year a Christmas Fair organised in the school yielded such good results that substantial donations were sent to two well-known organisations to help them in their own work of caring for the handicapped. A *beau geste* from those to whom self-pity is unknown.



Touch and taste help the
blind child to "see"



A deaf-blind child must learn to "hear" his teacher through the movement of her lips

Courtesy Sunday Pictorial



At the Parents' Unit mother and child first meet specialist staff and other blind children

Parents too can learn

Keenly alive to the anxiety and frustration which come to parents with the first knowledge that their child is blind, our Education Department finds in their help and guidance a particularly rewarding quality. Advice based on first-hand knowledge of the special facilities which today exist for preliminary upbringing, education and training are always freely available and parents are ever welcome at any of the Sunshine Homes for consultation with the experienced, sympathetic staff.

It is therefore all the more encouraging that the number of such visits has increased substantially during the past year and that the Parents' Unit, a cottage in the grounds of the Sunshine Home at Abbotskerswell, has been especially appreciated. In this latter many parents, living for a time in an environment similar to that of their own home, have drawn strength and inspiration from the sound advice and matter-of-fact approach to blindness of the Head. Watching the blind children at work and play they have learned perhaps the hardest lesson of all—that parental protectiveness, if not rigidly controlled, can render a grave disservice to the child they wish to help.

Particularly well attended have been the regular meetings at Headquarters, at which parents and those whose work is with and for blind children have discussed welfare and educational matters of mutual interest. Opportunities such as these for our staff to meet the parents of the children in our schools have an especial value. For only when they know and understand the parent can they fully understand the child.

One such meeting was featured in a documentary film which the Institute made to illustrate the educational opportunities available to children without sight. Imaginatively entitled "Unseen Horizons," the film emphatically answers the question, "What can a blind child hope to achieve in a sighted world?" and has been praised both for its sincerity and its deliberate emotional restraint.

Worlds in miniature

Proof, if such were needed, that the blind youth of this country is in no way intellectually inferior to its sighted counterpart, is convincingly provided by the bustling worlds of Worcester College for Boys and Chorleywood College for Girls. In both, the pattern of education is similar to that in any ordinary Public School and the fact that the pupils are educationally blind, whilst recognised, is never emphasised.

Many of these young boys and girls go on to one or other of the Universities and so to a professional career. So it is that the years spent here serve to equip them not only educationally, but mentally and spiritually, for life itself.

Typical of the manner in which both schools strive to instil into their pupils a sense of independence and self-reliance is a school rule at Worcester which is as unusual as it is sensible. This is that all boys must spend three-quarters of an hour each day outside the school grounds and all are encouraged to explore the surrounding countryside when opportunity permits. Thus the three winners this year of Leverhulme Trustee Travel Scholarships journeyed alone fearlessly abroad, one to France, one to Norway, and one to attend the Salzburg Music Festival.

At Worcester, the Chess Club has enjoyed another successful year, losing only 6 of the 34 competition matches which it played. In individual matches one pupil won both the Under 18 County Championship and the Worcester and District League Championship—the first time such a feat has ever been accomplished by a College boy.

Chorleywood, typically energetic in its leisure pursuits, has witnessed much activity in the paddock where many of the girls have learned to ride. The pony, a dark bay of fourteen hands, was a gift from the men of the Dagenham and Thames Foundry of Ford Motors Limited.

He learns poise and balance
in spite of his blindness



A moment of private worship
at Chorleywood College





Soon he will put into practice at the work-bench what he started learning at Hethersett

Widening horizons

Three years ago the R.N.I.B., true to its pioneering instincts, initiated a new experiment. At Hethersett, in Reigate, was opened the first centre in this country—and, it is believed, anywhere in the world—the aim of which was to give to adolescents leaving the restricted world of the blind school a wider understanding of the sighted community. The opportunity to practise a number of pre-vocational skills and to take part in the community life of the neighbourhood would, it was considered, enable these boys and girls to make a more informed choice as to their future careers.

Sufficient time has now elapsed for a true appraisal to be made of this ambitious venture. As was only to be expected, we made mistakes in the beginning and have grown wiser with experience. Certainly the ninety young people who have come to Hethersett have proved it to be an unqualified success. The Centre is accepted now as a permanent feature of the blind education service which the Institute maintains.

Where the blind lead the blind

Blindness is perhaps the most feared of all disabilities to which mankind is heir. Those to whom it comes in adult life—who are compelled to accept the uncompromising fact that they will never see again—experience an unparalleled emotional upheaval. Their world in ruins, they can conceive no useful future for themselves nor means by which to provide for their dependants. To help them in this crisis the Institute maintains its rehabilitation centres at Torquay and at Bridgnorth.

It is, of course, precisely because the Principals of these establishments, as well as a high proportion of their staff, are themselves blind that they understand so well the doubts, the difficulties and the needs of those who come to them for help. So, in this one year alone, four hundred men and women from all walks of life have found at these centres the sympathetic interest and the experienced guidance which have enabled them to look with confidence to the future.

At Torquay residents learn to use the white stick both as a protection and a guide



United in a common band, the retired judge and the publican, the policeman and the circus artiste, the teacher and the housewife have learned the art of living without vision in a sighted world. Some have gone forward for vocational training, others to take up again their household duties. For all, the darkness has been lightened by those grown accustomed to its yoke.

Independence is a prize

Perhaps the benefit prized above all others which the Institute is able to bring to those without sight is that of physical and financial independence. The growing appreciation among employers that the trained blind man or woman presents a first-class economic proposition, is without doubt due in no small degree to the methods of training and employment which we have evolved.

That, despite the general trade recession, our Employment Department succeeded in placing no fewer than 247 of those whose training was completed reflects the unceasing efforts of its Officers. It is to their credit that, in the seventeen years since the department was inaugurated, they have found employment for a total of 4,116 men and women in a growing variety of occupations in industry and commerce.

Typical of our continual efforts to enlarge the scope of employment open to the blind are the recent researches into an automatic telephone switchboard, which may well provide opportunities for a greater number in this field, and the tobacco and confectionery kiosks which we operate as a pilot scheme within the London area. This latter, devised to demonstrate the suitability of this work for specially selected persons was, during the year, enlarged by the acquisition of five additional sites, and now provides employment for nineteen men and women. Additional sites are continually sought in business houses in order that the scheme may be still further developed.

An additional heartening feature of the employment picture has been the increased demand for blind piano tuners. This now outstrips the number of those coming forward for training, and Education Authorities may well consider the excellent prospects offered by this trade.



Principal of telephony training college and blind student discuss the potentialities of a new-type switchboard

Courtesy Standard Telephones and Cables Limited

Templates, specially designed by our Placement Department, enable this blind secretary to make simple ledger entries



Hands that heal

In hospitals throughout Great Britain, and in many countries overseas, the healing hands of former students of the R.N.I.B. School of Physiotherapy bring relief to those in pain. Continued research, experiment and development by the Institute have resulted in complete equality between the blind physiotherapist and his sighted colleague. Professional doubt as to the ability of the former to work efficiently within the busy framework of a hospital organisation has long since been proved groundless.

Thus it follows naturally that, of the thirteen students who this year qualified as Members of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy all, with the exception of one who returned home to work in New Zealand, have found hospital appointments within the National Health Service.

High as is the academic reputation of the School, the value of social activities in achieving poise and maturity—as well as in providing recreation—is not forgotten. It is encouraging in this respect that this year our students once again won the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Swimming Shield in open competition with the sighted physiotherapy schools of London.

The innovation last year of a library of tape recordings of physiotherapy textbooks, with play-back facilities both at the school itself and at the students' hostels, has proved a great success. Students and qualified physiotherapists alike have found in this technique of rapid reference a valuable contribution to the teaching which the school provides and this year the number of titles thus recorded has been substantially increased.

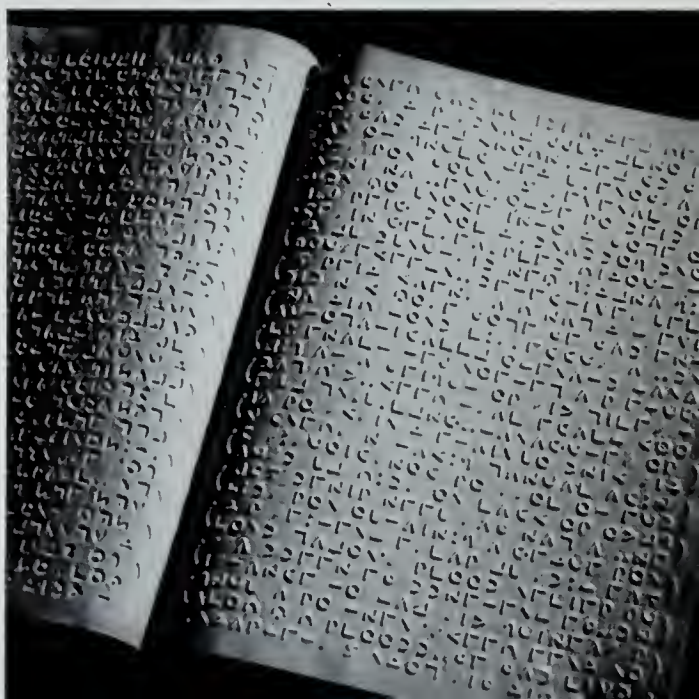
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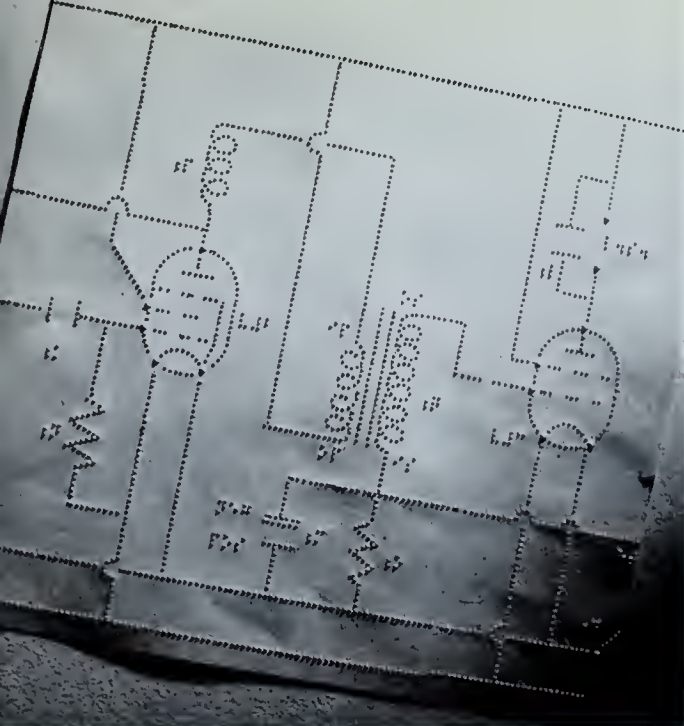
To the question, "Which is the most appreciated of all the services which the R.N.I.B. provides?" there can surely be but one answer. For it is virtually impossible to over-estimate the vital role which an adequate supply of embossed literature plays in the lives of those who do not see. The production of such books, therefore, remains for us a matter of paramount importance. Heavily

The physiotherapy student's training includes practical work in a hospital



Moon embossed type can be easily read by aged or insensitive fingers





Part of one of the many embossed diagrams in a recently brailled book on radio engineering



Mr. John Colligan, Secretary-General, addressing a meeting at Bombay University with the Minister of Labour in the Chair

subsidised to our readers, that none may be denied by virtue of his blindness, they enrich the leisure hours, guide the student on his chosen path and chronicle the happenings of the age in which we live. Darkness may enfold the eye, but must never be permitted to encroach upon the mind.

An impression of the immensity of the task which the meeting of this demand presents may be gained from the fact that our Braille presses have, during this year, printed 478,066 newspapers and periodicals, 1,470 volumes of music, 54,102 volumes of literature and 56,621 music and literature pamphlets—a proud total of very nearly 600,000. The cost to the Institute of maintaining this single service has amounted to £55,847, but pounds, shillings and pence can never adequately mirror the pleasure that it gave.

Many of the elderly blind and those whose fingers have lost their erstwhile sensitivity, however, find the intricacies of the Braille alphabet too difficult to master. For them we have continued to produce a wide variety of literature in the simpler, more easily deciphered Moon type. The circulation of periodicals in this medium has, during this year, attained a record volume and the steady increase in the percentage of the elderly among the blind indicates that this service will long continue to meet an urgent demand.

Of equal importance to these mechanically embossed books are those in the Students' Library, which the Institute maintains at its Headquarters in London. Here are kept some 25,000 volumes of textbooks for students of many subjects; all have been painstakingly embossed by hand. That each year some 1,000 additional volumes are added to this unique store of knowledge is due to the selfless labours of nearly 250 voluntary transcribers, who regularly devote their energies and special knowledge to the production of these valued books.

That 115 new readers have this year joined the Library and that the annual circulation figure is now in excess of 11,000 volumes, reflects the appreciation which their meticulous work elicits from those in search of truth.



There is peace and companionship
at our Homes for the elderly blind

Books that speak

"... It would be difficult to express the amount of sheer bliss the Talking Book Library affords one." So writes one of the 5,500 "readers" of this unique library of long-playing gramophone records which provides so much companionship and entertainment to the elderly and the house-bound blind.

The care taken to select for recording only the best examples of books from a wide range of categories is reflected in the continued steady increase in reading by individual members. The circulation figure for this year reached the astronomical total of 2,000,000 separate records, representing approximately 140,000 book titles.

It is with sincere pleasure that we record the grateful thanks, not only of ourselves but of our members, to the two thousand amateur radio and sound recording enthusiasts throughout the country who render us such magnificent help in servicing the machines. Their generosity in giving so freely of their time and skill not only frequently reduces the period during which a faulty instrument may be out of use, but also relieves the owner of the cost of the necessary repairs.

Tools for the job

For the housewife and the student, for the physiotherapist and the machine-shop worker, our Technical Research Department continually seeks to devise new aids and specialised equipment, all of which play their parts in helping to mitigate the handicap which blindness brings. Totalling now well in excess of 250 individual items the list of such apparatus has this year been enlarged by the inclusion of an egg poaching ring and metallic self-adhesive labels, which may be appropriately embossed, to help the housewife in her home, and an interval timer specially adapted to the needs of physiotherapists when administering ultra-violet light.

Simple though these things may seem, to those who must rely on senses other than their sight they acquire a special value. That they serve their purpose well is demonstrated by the fact that this year we have provided over 75,000 of these special aids, ranging from Braille marked watches to folding white sticks and chess sets.

Blindness knows no frontiers

The largest organisation of its kind in the world, the R.N.I.B. is proud of the part which its long experience enables it to play in bringing to the blind of countries overseas a fuller, more satisfying life.

Thus, we have welcomed visitors from many lands who came to discover at first hand how best the pattern of British blind welfare may be adapted to the needs of their own blind population. Some came for a discussion lasting perhaps an hour or two; others, future leaders in their country's welfare scheme, for a course of training lasting a year or more.

Members of our staff have travelled extensively to help those governments eager for advice and help in the organisation of a blind welfare service comparable to our own. In August, Mr. John Colligan, our Secretary-General, attended a meeting of the Executive of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind in Ceylon, in the dual capacity of European Member and Chairman of its Technical Committee. Earlier Mr. Colligan had visited Bombay, where his specialised knowledge and advice had been sought by the National Association for the Blind of India in the resolving of their own especial problems.

Our International Correspondent, himself a blind man, paid a short visit during the summer to America where, at the annual conference of the National Federation of the Blind of the United States, he read a paper in which he discussed means whereby even greater co-operation between blind welfare organisations in all countries might be established.

Such close collaboration and the free interchange of ideas serve to swell the sum total of international knowledge of blindness and its alleviation and set an example which the greater, sighted world might do well to emulate.

The elderly and the young

For those blind and deaf-blind men and women who are in the evening of their lives the Institute maintains its residential Homes. In these, advancing years rest lightly on those who find contentment in an atmosphere of peaceful comradeship and the range of interests which sustain the residents is wide indeed. From one we hear of special knitting sessions for Deep Sea Fishermen; from another, a visit to a Missionary Exhibition at which articles from every corner of the Far East were absorbedly examined; from yet a third, long walks through the lovely Yorkshire dales with a ham and egg tea at some country inn as a fitting climax to a happy afternoon.

At our three London Hostels, the student and the younger worker, newly embarked upon careers, enjoy the benefits of a secure and comfortable home life allied to the congenial companionship so important at this stage of life. Here, too, leisure interests are wide and one learns of teams of young athletes visiting Worcester College in friendly challenge; of flourishing skating and swimming groups; and of cookery classes—by no means confined to the gentle sex—resulting in a greatly appreciated succession of fairy cakes, scones and Cornish pasties.

Excursion into Scotland

Although our services have always been freely available to the blind in any part of Britain, we have to date conducted no scheme of fund-raising north of the border. During the year, however, mutual agreement on this matter between ourselves, the National Library for the Blind and a number of voluntary organisations for the blind in Scotland has been reached. This has resulted in the completion of plans for unified collecting systems, within the areas embraced by these individual local societies, on behalf of Local and National services.

Conducted by the R.N.I.B. from a recently opened Branch Office in Stirling, the separate area Funds will reduce collecting costs, avoid overlapping appeals and serve to acquaint still further the blind of Scotland with the many services which we provide for all Britain's blind.

We thank sincerely . . .

Throughout the entire, comprehensive scheme of welfare which the R.N.I.B. is privileged to operate, there runs a single, simple theme. It is the alleviation, to the greatest possible degree, of the handicap which blindness inevitably imposes. That those for whom the world grows dark shall yet be enabled to play their part in the life of the community in which they live, this is our goal.

That we succeed in giving to many thousands of blind people of every age and in every walk of life the independence which they seek, is due in no small measure to the untiring effort and consistent support of the many voluntary workers who have sustained us in our endeavours. To them we record our grateful thanks in the assurance that without such help our task would be the harder.

Without the devoted service of Mr. John Colligan, O.B.E., our Secretary-General, and his staff both at Head Office and at each of our establishments and provincial offices, our work would be impossible. We thank them all for their dedication to the work of helping those without sight.

UNIFIED COLLECTING AGREEMENTS

Statement for Year ended 31st March, 1959

Analysis of Amounts distributed to Other Participating Societies

LOCAL SOCIETIES

1957-58 £		£
	BEDFORDSHIRE—	
1,125	N. Bedfordshire Society for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,018
1,311	S. Bedfordshire Society for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,181
	BERKSHIRE—	
2,085	Berkshire County Blind Society ...	1,950
1,250	Reading Association for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,055
	BRECONSHIRE—	
—	Breconshire Association for the Welfare of the Blind ...	468
	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE—	
2,191	Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind ...	2,333
	CAMBRIDGESHIRE—	
1,662	Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind ...	1,612
	CHESHIRE—	
4,825	Chester and District Blind Welfare Society ...	4,201
521	Macclesfield Society for the Blind ...	498
50	Wallasey Blind Welfare Committee ...	50
	CORNWALL—	
3,969	Cornwall County Association for the Blind ...	3,712
	DERBYSHIRE—	
3,682	Derbyshire Association for the Blind ...	3,109
	DEVON—	
4,070	Devon County Association for the Blind ...	4,807
769	Exeter Society for the Blind ...	634
877	South Devon and Cornwall Institution for the Blind, Plymouth ...	681
124	West of England Institution for the Blind, Exeter ...	60
	DORSET—	
1,730	Dorset County Association for the Blind ...	1,724
	DURHAM—	
667	Darlington Society for the Blind ...	639
3,710	Sunderland and Durham County Royal Institution for the Blind ...	3,478
	ESSEX—	
4,674	Essex County Association for the Blind ...	4,829
	GLAMORGAN—	
4,278	Glamorgan County Blind Welfare Association ...	3,840
2,064	Merthyr Tydfil and Mid-Wales Instn. for the Blind ...	1,864
	GLOUCESTERSHIRE—	
5,063	Bristol Royal Blind Asylum and Workshops ...	4,751
659	Gloucester (City) Society for the Blind ...	534
3,556	Gloucester County Association for the Blind ...	3,296
	HAMPSHIRE—	
878	Bournemouth Blind Aid Society ...	781
1,086	Southampton Association for the Welfare of the Blind ...	1,064
	HEREFORDSHIRE—	
1,054	Herefordshire County Association for the Blind ...	1,045
	HERTFORDSHIRE—	
3,115	Hertfordshire Society for the Blind ...	3,471
	HUNTINGDONSHIRE—	
503	Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind ...	524
	ISLE OF MAN—	
1,261	Manx Blind Welfare Society ...	1,005
	KENT—	
220	Canterbury Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	236
	LANCASHIRE—	
456	Accrington and District Institution for the Blind and Prevention of Blindness ...	387
1,397	Blackburn and District Joint Finance Committee for the Blind ...	1,390
718	Catholic Blind Institute ...	643
10,929	Liverpool Workshops for the Blind ...	9,923
1,061	Oldham Home Teaching Voluntary Sub-Committee of the Welfare Services Committee ...	1,042
788	St. Helens and District Society for the Blind ...	680
286	Southport Blind Persons Committee ...	261
716	Rochdale and District Blind Welfare Society ...	597
	LINCOLNSHIRE—	
853	Boston and Holland Blind Society ...	755
589	County Borough of Grimsby Blind Welfare Sub- Committee ...	618
650	Kesteven (Lincs.) Blind Society ...	612
614	Lincoln Blind Society ...	563
4,032	Lindsey Blind Society ...	4,120

1957-58 £		£
1,519	MONMOUTHSHIRE Newport and Monmouthshire Association for the Blind ...	4,024
	NORFOLK—	
512	Great Yarmouth Blind and Handicapped Persons Sub-Committee ...	535
3,058	Norwich Institution for the Blind ...	2,870
	NORTHUMBERLAND	
7,329	Newcastle Agencies for the Blind ...	5,849
	NORTH WALES—	
3,169	North Wales Society for the Blind ...	3,012
	OXFORDSHIRE—	
1,642	Oxford (City and County) Society for the Blind ...	1,744
	RADNORSHIRE—	
214	Radnor Association for the Blind ...	182
	SOMERSET—	
814	Bath Society for the Blind ...	710
3,887	Somerset County Association for the Blind ...	3,745
	SUFFOLK—	
1,027	Ipswich Blind Society ...	991
1,321	West Suffolk Voluntary Blind Committee ...	1,196
	SURREY—	
2,029	Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	3,365
	SUSSEX—	
2,074	Brighton Society for the Welfare of the Blind ...	2,329
425	Eastbourne Society for the Blind ...	506
1,654	East Sussex Association for the Blind ...	1,630
498	Hastings Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	392
2,418	West Sussex Association for the Blind ...	2,600
	WILTSHIRE—	
443	Swindon Branch of Wiltshire Association for the Care of the Blind ...	406
2,844	Wiltshire Association for the Care of the Blind ...	2,508
	YORKSHIRE—	
2,090	Cleveland and South Durham Institute for the Blind... Colne and Holme Valley Local Blind Persons Com- mittee ...	3,192
589	Doncaster and District Home Teaching Association for the Blind ...	575
1,999	Goole Local Blind Persons Committee ...	1,838
230	Halifax Society for the Blind ...	239
1,396	Harrogate and District Society for the Blind ...	1,276
919	Huddersfield Society for the Blind ...	792
994	Keighley and District Institution for the Blind ...	999
1,334	Kiveton and Rotherham Rural Voluntary Committee for the Blind ...	1,289
449	Leeds Incorporated Institution for the Blind and the Deaf and Dumb ...	415
1,445	Leeds Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind ...	1,433
8,330	North Riding Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind ...	7,853
1,465	Pudsey Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind ...	1,365
577	Rawmarsh and District Blind Welfare Committee ...	509
239	Rotherham Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind ...	239
802	Saddleworth Local Blind Persons Committee ...	596
140	Scarborough Society for the Welfare of the Blind ...	118
205	Selby Local Blind Persons Committee ...	186
166	Settle, Bowland and Sedberg Blind Persons Welfare Committee ...	162
462	Thorne Local Blind Persons Committee ...	496
123	Todmorden Society for the Blind ...	105
142	West Riding Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	129
2,201	Yorkshire School for the Blind ...	2,144
699		638
154,926		147,133

OTHER NATIONAL BODIES

23,248	National Library for the Blind ...	21,838
7,735	Royal Normal College for the Blind ...	7,265
185,909	Total amount distributed	176,236

LEGACIES, 1958-59

We acknowledge with most grateful thanks the following benefactions by Will received during the year :

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Legacies—continued

Postans, Mr. J. M.	816	9	2
Potts, Mr. J. G.	20	0	0
Potts, Miss M. M.	20	0	0
Priscott, Miss E.	150	0	0
Price, Miss S.	5	1	1
Pritchard, Mr. E. S.	200	0	0
Rae, Mr. H. J.	120	0	0
Raineri, Mrs. E. M.	2,000	0	0
Rayner, Mrs. A. G.	50	0	0
Rayson, Miss V. R.	13,035	5	7
Red, Mrs. E. C. P.	102	5	6
Reed, Mr. F. H.	8,433	11	6
Rees, Mrs. E.	50	0	0
Rees, Mr. R. T.	43	2	3
Rhodes, Mr. A. I.	793	15	0
Richardson, Miss F.	50	0	0
Richardson, Mr. J.	1,000	0	0
Riley, Miss E. W.	6	6	8
Robert, Mrs. G. M. G.	29	8	3
Roberts, Mrs. E.	40	0	0
Roberts, Mr. W. A.	100	0	0
Robinson, Mr. R. H.	2,158	10	0
Rolf, Mr. P. J. H.	500	0	0
Rossiter, Mrs. M. E.	10	0	0
Rowell, Mr. G. F.	300	0	0
Rowell, Mrs. S.	50	0	0
Rylands, Mrs. H.	2,745	13	3
Sands, Mrs. E.	1,566	5	3
Sayer, Miss B. C.	500	0	0
Scarff, Mrs. S.	50	0	0
Seagers, Mrs. M.	142	19	6
Secomb, Mr. W. H.	150	0	0
Seddon, Miss J.	100	0	0
Sill, Mr. J. W.	56,692	2	3
Simpson, Mr. P.	350	0	0
Smith, Mr. E.	100	0	0
Smith, Mr. J. J.	1,850	0	0
Smith, Mrs. S. J.	699	3	8
Smith, Mrs. T. K.	48	15	0
Smith, Mr. T.	689	6	4
Smithe, Mrs. V.	4,500	0	0
Snell, Mrs. S. C.	500	0	0
Spackman, Mrs. J. L.	1,189	6	0
Spencer, Miss A. E.	1,000	0	0
Spencer, Mrs. J.	1,000	0	0
Stanwell, Mrs. B. R.	1,378	17	11
Stiles, Mrs. E.	50	0	0
Stockton, Mr. A.	500	0	0
Stone, Mrs. S.	250	0	0
Storr, Miss K. L.	1,000	0	0
Studholme, Miss E.	50	0	0
Sueden, Hannah	100	0	0
Swales, Mrs. A.	589	12	1
Sweet, Miss M. N. H.	50	0	0
Talbot, Mrs. M.	100	0	0
Taylor, Mrs. E. L.	500	0	0
Thomas, Miss E. M.	2,753	0	4
Thomas, Miss G. B.	250	0	0
Thomas, Mrs. M.	70	12	8
Thompson, Mrs. C. L. H.	200	0	0
Thompson, Mr. J. R.	500	11	5
Thorne, Miss V. M.	50	0	0
Tborpe, Miss M. A.	532	8	8
Toates, Miss E. E.	73	15	6
Toogood, Mr. A. J.	160	0	0
Trevithick, Miss I.	2,863	6	9
Turnham, Miss L. A.	7	6	
Vernon, Miss C.	463	18	4
Walker, Mrs. E.	75	0	0
Wall, Mr. J.	1,885	8	3
Walmsley, Miss M. E.	100	0	0
Walter, Mrs. M. B.	2,097	7	11
Ward, Mrs. D. E.	564	9	1
Ware, Mrs. J.	528	2	2
Wareing, Mr. J.	505	3	4
Watts, Mr. R. B.	50	0	0
Watson, Mr. W.	250	0	0
Wayles, Mr. W.	50	0	0
Waymouth, Miss A. M.	243	6	10
Webb, Mrs. R. H.	1,069	18	4
Wells, Miss M. L.	23	11	6
Westropp, Mrs. A. L. T.	5	3	
Whineray, Mr. J. H.	15	0	0
White, Mr. F.	50	0	0
White, Miss F. M.	100	0	0
White, Mr. G. W.	100	0	0
White, Miss H. E.	295	16	1
White, Mr. J. D.	25	0	0
White, Miss J.	26	4	0
White, Miss M.	5,018	11	0
Williams, Mr. A.	10	0	0
Williams, Miss M. E.	561	11	5
Williams, Mrs. M. B.	350	15	2
Williamson, Mr. G. H.	50	0	0
Wills, Mr. T. R.	10	12	2
Wilman, Mr. A.			

Wilson, Mrs. E. and W. W.	1	4	5
Winterbottom, Mr. H. H.	200	0	0
Wintle, Miss O. B.	100	0	0
Wood, Miss C. A.	583	3	5
Wood, Mrs. H. P.	250	0	0
Wood, Mr. J.	200	0	0
Woodhead, Mr. H. A.	1,600	0	0
Woodhouse, Miss M. O.	20	0	0
Wright, Mr. F. W.	8	10	1
Wrightson, Mrs. F. M. H.	4	4	
Young, Miss E. K.	75	0	0
Yuille, Mrs. M. A.	247	11	5
Inland Revenue Rebate of Income Tax	1,911	4	0
	281,234	9	3
Less: Refund of overpayments in previous year	12	13	7
	281,221	15	8

Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children

	£	s.	d.
Adamson, Mrs. E.	100	0	0
Adams, Mr. J. N.	500	0	0
Allen, Mr. H.	50	0	0
Askew, Mrs. A.	25	0	0
Auger, Mr. W.	417	12	10
Austen, Mrs. M. J.	100	0	0
Avimer, Mrs. M. M. Tippetts	747	3	11
Baker, Miss F. L.	150	0	0
Barracough, Mrs. M. A.	443	7	7
Bentley, Mr. L.	25	0	0
Bennett, Miss E.	457	13	1
Bird, Miss H. S.	20	0	0
Birn, Mrs. M. H.	661	10	11
Briggs, Mrs. A. M.	250	0	0
Brown, Miss M. T.	1,509	14	0
Bush, Mrs. S. A. C.	1,694	17	9
Cheetham, Miss S. A.	50	0	0
Chicken, Mrs. A. M.	779	11	11
Clitberoe, Miss E. E.	50	0	0
Collins, Mr. D.	100	0	0
Collins, Mrs. M. A.	141	18	10
Collins, Miss T. E. C.	600	3	5
Cook, Miss B. R. B.	2,800	0	0
Cook, Miss F. E.	50	12	10
Cowell, Mrs. M. E.	10	0	0
Curtis, Mrs. R.	499	7	8
Cubbin, Mrs. E. M. (in memory of her son, Robert Alfred Colbey Cubbin)	7,110	10	0
Day, Mrs. P. E.	150	0	0
Duffin, Mr. C. J. H.	1,000	0	0
Easy, Mrs. E. M.	7,697	17	5
Everett, Mrs. G. M.	250	0	0
Fenn, Miss A.	85	16	5
Fisher, Miss A. M.	512	9	2
Freeman, Mrs. A.	15	5	7
Furber, Mrs. H.	50	0	0
Gardiner, Mr. A. C.	63	9	7
George, Miss E. A.	300	0	0
Goldberg, Mrs. J.	20	0	0
Haigh, Mr. W.	100	0	0
Hancock, Miss M. W. S.	50	0	0
Harper, Mrs. C. M.	50	0	0
Harrington, Miss M. N. P. (otherwise Lane)	126	19	7
Harrison, Mr. J.	100	0	0
Hay, Mrs. S. M. D.	99	7	6
Haycock, Miss A. L.	1,255	11	7
Hickmott, Mr. W.	944	14	7
Holden, Miss H. M.	998	4	5
Hood, Miss A. C. E.	507	19	4
Hopkins, Miss F. M.	92	15	6
Howell, Miss S.	50	0	0
Howse, Mr. L. C.	1,000	0	0
Hughes, Mr. T.	600	0	0
Jackson, Miss F. M.	200	0	0
Jones, Rachael Annie	100	0	0
Keightley, Mr. E. H.	25	0	0
Kettleby, Mrs. M.	250	0	0
Knight, Miss D. M. G.	100	0	0
Lambert, Mrs. C. A.	41	10	0
Levy, Mr. A. B. C. W.	250	0	0
Leaver, Mrs. M.	100	0	0
Levinson, Mrs. L.	200	15	5
Lord, Miss E.	200	0	0
Lumbard, Miss E.	100	0	0
Marsden, Miss S.	100	0	0
Martin, Mr. A. S.	50	0	0
Martin, Mrs. C. Y.	58	8	9
Miller, Miss N.	50	0	0
Moore, Miss A. E.	1,817	10	8

Morgan, Mrs. M. G.	100	0	0
Moser, Mr. L. J.	2,500	0	0
Ockelford, Mr. F.	25	0	0
Paterson, Miss A. I.	850	11	2
Pears, Mr. C. A.	25	0	0
Pettifer, Miss C.	5,904	15	0
Rathell, Mrs. E. A. (otherwise Cook)	100	5	5
Rose, Mrs. L. M.	83	5	10
Russ, Mr. W. J.	20	0	0
Salmon, Mrs. E. V.	500	0	0
Shorrocks, Mrs. A.	1	3	5
Silk, Miss E.	50	0	0
Singleton, Mrs. M.	9	6	8
Since, Mr. A. T.	50	0	0
Smith, Miss W. S.	1,089	3	7
Snell, Miss E. M.	9	0	0
Spencer, Mrs. C. G.	696	5	4
Taylor, Mrs. B.	54	18	9
Taylor, Mr. B. H. G.	520	8	7
Tiney, Mrs. A. M.	332	12	9
Travis, Mrs. A. E.	100	0	0
Vincent, Mrs. L. A.	478	0	10
Williams, Mrs. M. E.	50	0	0
Wise, Mrs. E. H. M.	50	0	0
Witnall, Edith Mary	100	0	0
Inland Revenue Rebate of Income Tax	1,480	0	11
	54,259	7	6

The following bequests were EARMARKED by DONORS as indicated

	£	s.	d.
Blind Musicians			
Phillips, Mrs. W.	41	8	0
Braille Literature			
Fitzgerald, Mrs. A. M.	42	12	3
Channels of Blessing			
Williams, Miss A. L.	1	1	10
For the benefit of the Blind in the Bolton area			
Milne, Mr. R. S.	100	0	0
For the benefit of the Blind in Dorset			
Biss, Mrs. R. K.	50	0	0
For the benefit of the Blind in the Leeds area			
Greenwood, Florence	365	11	4
For the benefit of the Blind in Norfolk			
Massingham, Mrs. E.	92	1	0
For the benefit of the Blind in the South Kirkby area			
Silbey, Mrs. S. G.	30	0	0
For the benefit of the Blind in South Wales			
Morgan, Mrs. M. A.	693	10	5
For the Blind of Bingley and Keighley Districts			
Smith, Mr. A.	718	14	4
For the Blind of Northern Ireland			
Adams, Mr. D.	100	0	0
Paul, Miss K. E.	250	0	0
Tomb, Mr. J.	100	0	0
	450	0	0
For work amongst the Deaf-Blind			
Nellis, Mr. J. H.	13	19	0
For work of the Blind in the Stockport area			
Robinson, Miss A. I.	1,019	1	10
Guide Dogs			
Briggs, Mrs. A. M.	250	0	0
Gathercole, Miss E.	141	10	4
	391	10	4

Legacies—continued

Herfordshire Fund for the Blind	£	s.	d.
Hart, Miss E. ...	109	0	0

Home Industries Department, Reigate	£	s.	d.
Beveridge, Miss J. M. ...	20	0	0
McLachlan, Miss J. ...	219	4	2
	239	4	2

Liverpool Fund for the Blind	£	s.	d.
Tranter, Miss E. A. ...	200	0	0

Liverpool Branch for general purposes	£	s.	d.
Nicholson, Miss F. ...	50	0	0

Manchester Branch for general purposes	£	s.	d.
Whitaker, Mrs. M. ...	1,600	4	10

Newcastle-on-Tyne branch for general purposes	£	s.	d.
Firth, Miss M. L. ...	125	0	0
Richardson, Mrs. L. M. ...	1,575	0	0
White, Miss I. ...	50	0	0
Wilson, Mr. T. ...	250	0	0
	2,000	0	0

Queen Elizabeth Home of Recovery for Newly Blind Civilians, America Lodge, Torquay	£	s.	d.
Jefferis, Mrs. A. ...	100	0	0

Residential & Holiday Home Fellowship House, Hoylake	£	s.	d.
Thomas, Miss M. J. ...	100	0	0

Residential & Holiday Home, Wavertree House, Hove	£	s.	d.
Rebate of Income Tax ...	6	9	10

Residential & Holiday Home for Blind Men & Women, West- cliff House, Westgate-on-Sea	£	s.	d.
Burden, Mr. L. G. ...	562	5	9
Rebate of Income Tax ...	86	16	7
	649	2	4

South East Branch for general purposes in the Brighton and Hove area	£	s.	d.
Turner, Mrs. S. ...	9,000	0	0

Somerset Fund for the Blind	£	s.	d.
Smith, Miss E. M. ...	81	15	3

Surrey Fund for the Blind	£	s.	d.
West, Mr. H. G. ...	500	0	0

William Tate Residential Home for the Deaf-Blind, Harrogate	£	s.	d.
Peel, Miss A. M. ...	917	0	4

Wireless Sets for the Blind	£	s.	d.
Bennett Mrs. E. E. ...	50	0	0
Collins Mrs. M. A. ...	50	0	0
Griffiths, Mrs. K. A. ...	1,100	0	0
Rebate of Income Tax ...	50	12	0
	1,250	12	0

Deaf-Blind, Condoover	£	s.	d.
Wheatley, Mrs. E. ...	100	0	0

For the Benefit of Blind Children in the County of Northumber- land & Newcastle-on-Tyne	£	s.	d.
Blake, Mrs. E. J. ...	1,000	0	0

Sunshine House, Court Grange	£	s.	d.
Rebate on Income Tax ...	4	3	9

Sunshine House, East Grinstead	£	s.	d.
Byrmand, Miss R. E. ...	50	0	0
Gerosa, Mr. C. C. ...	20	0	0
Martineau, Mrs. F. ...	1,198	17	9
Parker, Miss B. A. ...	515	6	0
Sears, Mr. A. (otherwise Sayers)	712	0	8
Smith, Mrs. G. J. ...	926	19	11
	3,423	4	4

Sunshine House, Kingswinford	£	s.	d.
Evans, Mrs. A. M. ...	2,089	5	11
Peate, Mrs. M. ...	100	0	0
	2,189	5	11

Sunshine House, Leamington	£	s.	d.
Baker, Mrs. C. M. Hester ...	50	0	0
Biggs, Mrs. C. G. ...	50	0	0
Blower, Mr. G. ...	10	0	0
Leavey, Mrs. R. G. ...	49	2	4
Rebate of Income Tax ...	10	11	2
	169	13	6

Sunshine House, Overley Hall	£	s.	d.
Ismay Mr. T. B. ...	3,000	0	0
Moore, Mrs. E. ...	500	0	0
	3,500	0	0

Sunshine House, Southerndown	£	s.	d.
Lewis, Mr. J. ...	202	0	8
Morgan, Mrs. M. A. ...	693	10	4
Rebate of Income Tax ...	44	9	0
	940	0	0

Sunshine House, Southport	£	s.	d.
Anderton, Mrs. S. ...	2	4	0
Aske, Miss C. ...	112	15	10
Bailey, Miss E. E. ...	2,850	10	10
Berry, Miss M. ...	50	0	0
Crook, Mr. A. B. ...	50	0	0
Curtis, Miss L. ...	10	0	0
Haydock, Mrs. A. ...	1,697	2	10
Heginbotham, Clara Annie ...	70	7	5
Lloyd Mrs. M. A. ...	813	18	10
Lockhead, Mrs. M. ...	100	0	0
Mitchell, Miss L. ...	380	0	6
Newman, Mrs. H. ...	112	16	2
Riley, Miss N. L. ...	250	0	0
Shaw, Mrs. J. F. ...	86	2	11
Stewart, Mrs. E. A. ...	699	1	0
Smart, Mr. S. ...	108	12	7
Wells, Mrs. M. ...	227	11	5
Rebate of Income Tax ...	224	19	6
	7,846	3	10

ENDOWMENTS

General Account	£	s.	d.
Miss E. A. Black (in memory of Frederick Nixon Black) ...	666	13	4

Sir Beachcroft Towse Memorial Fund	£	s.	d.
Gordon, Mrs. W. M. C. ...	200	0	0

W.U.C. Trust Fund	£	s.	d.
Rebate of Income Tax ...	24	13	1

Together	£	s.	d.
	376,358	0	0

GIFT FOR ENDOWMENT	£	s.	d.
The following gift was received during the year :			
Condoover Hall			
Major J. R. Abbey Prize Fund ...	250	0	0

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To the Honorary Treasurers of

Date. 19

THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

(Incorporated by Royal Charter. Registered in accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948)

224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1

I have pleasure in enclosing Annual Subscription/Donation for £ s. d.

(Name) _____

(Please state whether Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.)

(Address) _____

Cheques should be made payable to "The Royal National Institute for the Blind," and crossed "Westminster Bank Ltd."

You can save yourself the trouble of renewing your subscription in the future by filling in and returning to The Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Gt. Portland Street, London, W.1, the form on the reverse, instructing your Bankers to pay the subscription annually on your behalf. This Order can be withdrawn at any time.

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(name in full), of (address)

hereby covenant with THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND of 224/6/8 Great Portland Street, London, W.1, that for a period of seven years from the day of 19 or during my life whichever period shall be shorter, I will pay annually to the said Institute such a sum as will after deduction of Income Tax leave in the hands of the Institute a net sum of £ (figures) (words) to be paid from my general fund of taxed income so that I shall receive no personal or private benefit in either of the said periods from the said sum or any part thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this (words)

day of 19 .

Signed sealed and delivered by the said (signature of subscriber)

in the presence of

Signature

Address

Occupation

Witness to
Signature
of Subscriber.

L.S.

NOTE : The first subscription should not be paid before the date upon which this deed is signed

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Name of Bankers Date 19

Branch Address

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Address

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SUNSHINE HOME NURSERY SCHOOLS

Dene Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
 Dunnings Road, East Grinstead, Sussex. (The Beachcroft Towse Home).
 15 Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
 Court Grange, Abbotskerswell, South Devon.
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 Overlay Hall, near Wellington, Shropshire.
 Pirate's Spring, St. Mary's Bay, Romney Marsh, Kent.
 2 Oxford Road, Birkdale, Southport, Lancashire.
 Southerndown, near Bridgend, Glamorgan. (The Variety Club Sunshine Home founded by Tcnovus).

SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN WITH OTHER HANDICAPS

Condovery Hall, near Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Chorleywood College for Girls with Little or No Sight, Chorleywood, Herts.
 Worcester College for the Blind, Worcester.

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Hethersett, Gatton Road, Wray Common, Reigate, Surrey.

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School of Physiotherapy, 204-6 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.
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R.N.I.B. CLINIC OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

(Alfred Eichholz Memorial), 204-6 Great Portland Street, London, W.1

HOSTELS FOR THE BLIND

31 Palace Court, London, W.2.
 79 Holland Park, W.11 (Physiotherapy Students).
 16 Holland Park, W.11.

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Bannow, Quarry Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. (Convalescent and Holiday Home).
 The Haven, Holbeck Hill, Scarborough, Yorks. (Holiday Home).
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MOON SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS, 104 Queen's Road, Brighton, Sussex.

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THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

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FORM OF BEQUEST, No. 1.

The following form of bequest is recommended to those who may be desirous of assisting the Institute by way of a specific legacy :—

I give to THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1, the sum of.....pounds

(free of all death duties) for the general purposes of the Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

FORM OF BEQUEST, No 2

The following form of bequest is recommended if it is desired to leave the residue of an estate to the Institute :—

I give the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever both real and personal and whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy to THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1, for the general purposes of the Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

NOTE.—Property of all kinds, including land of any tenure and also including money lent on mortgage and the securities therefor, may lawfully be given to charitable institutions by Will. The above forms can be readily adapted to such gifts by the substitution of a description of the land, mortgage, etc., for the words " the sum of....."

A post-war credit may be bequeathed to the Institute, specifically, or as part of an estate.

Legacies may be left to form an endowment to be named after the benefactor or a nominee of the benefactor. In this case there should be added after the words, " the sum of.....," " to form an endowment to be called ' The.....Bequest.' "

The form of bequest should be incorporated in the Will, which should be signed and witnessed as shown on the back of this form.

If desired, the Institute is willing to act as Trustee.

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When a Will has been made, and it is afterwards desired to benefit The Royal National Institute for the Blind, it will be sufficient if the form below is filled in, duly signed and witnessed as below, and placed with the existing Will.

This is a Codicil to the last Will of me.

..... dated.....
 (Name in full) (Date of Will)

I give to THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1, for the general purposes of the Institute, the sum of

..... (£.....)
 (words) (figures)
 free of all death duties, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this.....day
 (words)
 of.....19

Signed by the Testator
 Testatrix as and for a Codicil to
 his last Will dated
 her
 (Insert date of Will)

in the presence of us, both present at the same
 time, who at his request, and in his presence
 her
 and in the presence of each other, have hereunto
 set our names as witnesses.

.....
 (Signature of Testator or Testatrix)

(1) of
 (Profession)
 (2) of
 (Profession)

NOTE.—The above form is provided for the guidance of intending benefactors and their solicitors, whose advice should be sought before the form is completed.

(P.T.O.)

Witnesses should sign here

THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND BALANCE SHEET, 31st MARCH, 1959

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
£	£	£	£
31.3.58		352.167	423.929
356,823	429,292		
97,162	103,434		
138,307	144,981		103,434
4,656	5,363		144,981
	50,000		50,000
116,698	125,514		125,514
	429,292		423,929
234,710	234,710		
220,269	234,710		
14,441			
147,416	250,000		
50,000	147,416		
97,416	102,584		
	250,000		
636,690	94,852		1,218,387
	765,605		
118,229	95,287		227,430
32,586	917		
53,745	68,223		
9,398	3,647		
22,500	22,500		
	95,287		
1,493,868	£1,869,746		£1,869,746

Notes

- The Interest of the Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children included in Funds not available for General Purposes is £31,420 in General Reserve £97,891, and in General Charity Fund £188,500.
- Liabilities under Contracts for Capital Expenditure entered into at 31st March, 1959, not included in these Accounts amounted to approximately £133,500.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our Audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Institute so far as appears from our examination of those books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from branches not visited by us. We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed General Charity Fund Account, which are in agreement with the books of accounts and returns. In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given us, the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Institute's affairs as at 31st March, 1959, and the General Charity Fund Account, Parts I, II and III give a true and fair view of the transactions during the year ended on that date.

KENT HOUSE, TELEGRAPH STREET, E.C.2.

10th July, 1959

P. F. WRIGHT, Chairman, Finance Committee }
JOHN H. BEVAN, Hon. Treasurer } The Royal National Institute for the Blind

JACKSON, FENLEY & CO., Chartered Accountants

THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

1957-58	£	ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	£	ORDINARY INCOME	£
858,769		Services to the Blind	909,835	Subscriptions, Donations and Collections	538,014
		Homes and Schools, General Services and Trading Activities:		Appeals organised by R.N.I.B.	477,437
		Gross Expenditure per Schedule below	860,786	Allocation from London Collecting Agencies	35,867
814,979		Payments to the Blind—		Allocations from other Collecting Agencies for the Blind	24,710
		Augmentation of Wages paid to Blind (including Wages and Expenses of their (Sighted Guides)	18,766		538,014
16,741		Higher Education and Training Fees	867		
963		Assistance and Other Expenses on behalf of Blind Persons	24,807	Less: Gross Amounts payable to other Societies under Unification Agreements	252,910
20,018		Grants to Societies for the Blind	4,609		285,104
6,068			909,835	Rents and Interest and Other Ordinary Income Services to the Blind	55,131
				Homes and Schools, General Services and Trading—Gross Income per Schedule below (including £2,602 interest on earmarked investments)	597,216
		Cost of Raising Revenue	66,414		
63,839		Total Cost of Raising Revenue	143,088	Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income, transferred to Part III	68,583
139,049		Less: Proportion borne by Societies under Unification Agreements	76,674		
75,210			66,414		

15,232	Cost of General Administration	...	...	18,162
	Pension Scheme Contributions and Pensions	...	...
	(excluding £9,367 charged through other	...	...
7,778	Accounts)	...	...	8,842
2,168	Other Expenses	...	...	2,781
<u>19,47,786</u>				<u>£1,006,034</u>
			<u>£947,786</u>	
				<u>£1,006,034</u>

PART II—EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1957-58	£	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE	£	1957-58	EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	£
28,479	Net Capital Expenditure	...	29,379	235,065	Legacies ...	376,358
9,999	Land and Buildings ...	...	8,005	—	Gifts for Endowment	250
15,740	Furniture and Fittings ...	...	14,746	235,065	Less: Earmarked by Donors—	376,608
757	Grant to Worcester College	...	17,999		Specific Activities ...	39,986
1,974	Braille Development Account	...	3,139		Endowment Funds ...	1,141
—	Less: Ministry Grants	...	43,889	23,208		41,127
			14,510	211,857	Less: Transfer to Reserve for Talking Book Development	335,481
14,155	Legacy Publicity and Expenses...	...	29,379	97,416	Transfer to General Reserve	102,584
2,453	Loss on Sale of Investments	...	15,193	14,441	Initial Allocation to Staff Pension Fund	50,000
	Excess of Extraordinary Income over Extraordinary Expenditure transferred to Part III ...	...	—	111,857		152,584
65,820		...	163,514	100,000	Special Capital Gifts	182,897
		...		10,907	Sale of Land	22,668
		...		2,945	Less: Transfer to Fixed Assets, Renewals and Replacement Reserve	1,197
		...		2,945		1,197
		...		—	Profit on Sale of Investments	2,521
£110,907			£208,086	£110,907		£208,086

PART III—SUMMARY

1957-58	1957-58	1957-58
£	£	£
Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income transferred from Part I	68,583	622,144
Loss on Revaluation of General Charity Fund Investments	—	65,820
Less: Transfer of the Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments	—	—
Balance at 31st March, 1959, to Balance Sheet	765,605	—
	<u>£834,188</u>	<u>£716,104</u>
		<u>£834,188</u>
Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income transferred from Part I	68,583	622,144
Loss on Revaluation of General Charity Fund Investments	—	65,820
Less: Transfer of the Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments	—	—
Balance at 31st March, 1959, to Balance Sheet	765,605	—
	<u>£834,188</u>	<u>£716,104</u>
		<u>£834,188</u>

SCHEDULE SERVICES TO THE BLIND

	1957-58		1958-59	
	Expenditure £	Income £	Expenditure £	Income £
Summary of Homes and Schools Accounts				
Blind Babies Homes	107,106	63,599	108,033	63,457
Condover Special School	41,804	34,079	45,034	34,041
Worcester College	31,375	25,679	30,279	25,742
Chorleywood College	31,860	27,387	34,864	28,178
Vocational Assessment Centre	13,118	11,425	15,773	11,884
Physiotherapy School	14,928	11,615	16,536	11,715
Shorthand, Typing and Telephony School	16,007	9,423	17,014	10,334
Homes of Rehabilitation	41,738	32,678	45,075	32,909
Other Homes and Hostels	109,971	73,239	115,501	74,762
	<u>407,907</u>	<u>289,124</u>	<u>428,109</u>	<u>293,022</u>
		<u>118,783</u>		<u>135,087</u>
Summary of General Services Accounts				
Braille and other Publications	81,018	26,994	83,046	27,199
Students' Library	12,705	742	14,219	1,453
Apparatus	67,303	45,515	73,553	51,243
Nuffield Talking Book Library	56,572	33,849	55,275	33,195
Clinic of Physiotherapy	8,969	3,319	9,192	3,196
Placement in Industry	25,477	18,722	24,982	18,224
	<u>252,044</u>	<u>129,141</u>	<u>260,267</u>	<u>134,510</u>
		<u>122,903</u>		<u>125,757</u>
Summary of Trading Activities Accounts				
Home Industries	59,230	56,685	62,636	58,873
Kiosks	95,798	97,302	109,774	110,811
	<u>155,028</u>	<u>153,987</u>	<u>172,410</u>	<u>169,684</u>
		<u>1,041</u>		<u>2,726</u>
Grand Totals	<u>814,979</u>	<u>572,252</u>	<u>860,786</u>	<u>597,216</u>
		<u>242,727</u>		<u>263,570</u>

Balance at 31st March, 1958	636,690
Excess of Extraordinary Income over Extraordinary Expenditure transferred from Part II	163,514
Gain on Revaluation of General Charity Fund Investments	94,852
Less: Transfer to the Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments	94,852
Transfer from Earmarked Funds to meet Expenditure chargeable thereto	33,984
	<u>£834,188</u>

ENDOWMENTS

General Account	£	s.	d.
The Leopold Salomon's Endowment Fund	9,256	12	6
The H. F. Bailey Bequest	9,228	16	3
The Miss Constance de Jong Bequest	7,230	19	7
The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund	7,080	19	6
The East London Home and School for the Blind Endowment	6,552	19	11
The Sir Beachcroft Towse Memorial Fund	5,158	12	4
The William Brown Hextall Bequest	3,496	15	3
The W.U.C. Trust Fund	2,842	4	9
The John Rae Campbell Endowment Fund	1,917	2	5
The Rev. F. J. Hackett Bequest	1,868	0	5
The Nuffield Endowment	1,816	0	0
The Miss Irene Constance Wood Bequest	1,437	19	10
The Miss E. A. Black Bequest	1,278	3	3
The Donald and Rosie Alderson Bequest	1,020	8	2
The Mary Shaw Bequest	919	7	0
The Sir Alfred Jones Bequest	902	12	3
The Hornshaw Endowment	844	17	10
The George Fergus Graham Fund	812	0	6
The Thomas Wilson Bequest	770	11	3
The Pharo de France Endowment	722	7	6
The Miss F. W. Dunn Bequest	715	6	0
The Rose Gay Bequest	595	12	3
The Mrs. Sarah Jane Little Bequest	552	15	11
The Hextall Fund for Blind Law Students	547	0	3
The Misses E. and A. Snape Bequest	479	6	7
The Mrs. Rachel Stanley Bequest	454	1	5
The Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkham Bequest	446	10	0
The George Cook Memorial Endowment	388	17	10
The Henry Heskell David Bequest	372	6	3
The Blind Social Aid Society Fund	362	17	0
The Miss Constance Harvie Bequest	347	9	1
The Alma Marvin Bequest	252	8	9
The George Cowieson Bequest	225	3	4
Proceeds of Sale of 9 Oval Road, London	196	2	2
The J. J. Crossfield Bequest	173	1	3
The Frederick James Overton Bequest	161	13	7
The Old Congleton Farmers Dance Committee Endowment	146	15	2
The Sir John Howard Bequest	144	9	6
The Alfred Sawyer Bequest	117	9	9
The Mrs. Ralph Partridge Bequest	105	9	1
The Shrinati Shevihar Tola Ram Warandani Bequest	80	16	10
The Doctor Howell Rees Bequest	77	17	2
The Henry Ireland Bequest	73	16	4
The J. W. Cornben Bequest	67	9	1
The Louis Sterne Bequest	42	9	1
The Miss Mary Jesson Bequest	19	4	11
The Mrs. J. Rainsforth Bequest	7	0	2
	72,310	19	3

Residential Home for Blind Men and Women, Westgate-on-Sea	£	s.	d.
The Harry Urnson Hayes Fund	1,536	2	4
The Miss A. V. Allpress Endowment Fund	674	8	5
	2,210	10	9

Chorleywood College	£	s.	d.
The William Brown Hextall Scholarship	2,981	2	8
The Miss E. W. Allen Bequest (After-Care)	2,000	1	8
The Nuffield Endowment Fund	1,438	2	7
Fees Endowment Fund	990	14	1
The James Gilbertson Bequest	445	15	5
The E. P. Hatschek Prize Fund	100	0	0
	7,955	16	5

Fellowship House, Hoylake	£	s.	d.
National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League	796	0	6
Convalescent and Holiday Home, St. Leonard's	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. Jessie Elizabeth Laing Bequest	825	11	10

SUNSHINE FUND FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

General Account	£	s.	d.
The Miss Susan A. Davey Bequest	600	0	0
The James Attfield Bequest	154	8	2
The Lewis Maulkin King Bequest	72	7	10
The Mr. A. R. Edwards Bequest	18	15	7
	845	11	7

Blind Babies' Home, East Grinstead	£	s.	d.
The John Henry Howard Davy Trust	3,705	19	6
The "Dancing Times" Endowment	2,238	1	8
The Margaret Vogan Endowment	830	6	4
The Hornshaw Endowment	675	0	0
The Eliza and John Frederick Bequest	577	10	9
The Anthony Clouston Partridge Endowment	470	12	9
The Mrs. A. R. Edwards Bequest	459	15	11
The Miss A. D. Spiers Bequest	459	15	11
The Mrs. F. Marks Bequest	401	3	11
The Mrs. Lucy Blo-k Bequest	348	6	2
The T. G. Sorby Bequest	137	19	2
The Miss Vaughan Chapman Bequest	87	0	3
The "Sunday League" Endowment	39	14	7
	10,431	6	11

Blind Babies Home, Southport	£	s.	d.
The Jessie Bell Airey Cot	1,834	9	8
The Mr. and Mrs. Evan Matthews Bequest	841	16	2
The Esther Frances Levy Bequest	830	6	5
The Ernest Hallowell Barlow Bequest	551	3	1
The James Gilbertson Bequest	445	15	5
The Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Graves Bequest	93	2	1
The Mrs. H. R. Graves Bequest	77	4	3
	4,673	17	11

Blind Babies' Home, Northwood	£	s.	d.
Bundles for Britain, Inc., Niagara Falls, New York, U.S.A., and Daughters of St. George, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada	389	3	3

Blind Babies' Home, Pirates Spring, New Romney	£	s.	d.
The John Wade Bequest	404	4	1

Blind Babies' Home, Overley Hall	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. Frances Marsh Endowment	722	7	6

Blind Babies' Home, Southerndown	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. G. M. Rees Endowment	777	15	7

Blind Babies' Home, Kingswinford	£	s.	d.
The Gyde Charity Endowment	836	2	7

Condover Hall School	£	s.	d.
The Major J. R. Abbey Prize Fund	254	15	4

TOTAL	£	s.	d.
	103,434	3	6